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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Executive Secretariat ~~SECRET~~

SUBJECT: Meeting with Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott,
Thursday, 10 November 1994, 1400 Hours,
State Department.

The Bamaca Case

This is an update on a case for which State has expressed some interest. Bamaca is/was a Guatemalan guerrilla leader whom the Guatemalan government claims died by his own hand during a shoot-out with the government in March 1992. Despite his wife's demand that the government produce the body, it has not done so, saying it was buried in an unmarked grave. His wife (a U.S. Citizen and on a hunger strike), spoke to *60 Minutes* and stated he may be alive and could be held in a clandestine prison. The Agency has been asked by the NSC, State, and the HPSCI to shed some light on this. Alas, we cannot, save to say that we think it more than reasonable that indeed the Guatemalan government maintains clandestine prisons, despite its assertions that it has no political prisoners; and that while we think Bamaca was captured alive, we cannot confirm if he remains so. (See update at Tab F.)

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